GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
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SAFETY OF ASI MONUMENTS
CHINMAYANAND

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the expenditure incurred on the safety of ASI monuments during each of the last three years and estimated for 2001-2002;

(b) whether a Committee on safety was set up in 1997 in order to strengthen the safety system of monuments;

(c) If so, the details of recommendations of the said Committee; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to implement its recommendations?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN)

(a) The expenditure incurred on the payment towards security arrangements on certain monument and site museums of the Archaeological Survey of India is as under:

1998-1999	Rs.2,65,74,550
1999-2000	Rs.3,83,60,127
2000-2001	Rs.5,09,71,140

Allocation
for 2001-2002 Rs.5.99 crores

(b)& (c)

The Committee finalised recommendations for strengthening and streamlining the in-house securityarrangements for the protected monuments and identified certain monuments where private security should be deployed.

(d) Private security has since been deployed at the identified sites.